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Republican candidates for California governor, from left, Bill Simon, Bill Jones and Richard Riordan, answer questions from a panel of journalism professionals during a televised debate in the

University Theatre. The debate, sponsored by several state organizations, was one of two held on California State University campuses before the March 5 primary elections.

Republicans face off

Candidates debate at SJSU for party support against the current California governor

By Kemberly Gong

DAILY STAFF EDITOR

In the first of two Republican gubernatorial debates, three GOP candidates debated Tuesday in the University Theatre at San Jose State University.

The debates were in preparation for the primary elections on March 5, for a republican opponent to Democratic Gov. Gray Davis.

Richard Riordan, Bill Simon and Bill Jones answered questions from four prominent media representatives and spoke on issues about the economy, energy and public policy issues of immigration, gay unions and a

woman's right to choose.

Jones maintained that his commitment to the Republican Party line could be seen by his previous, unwavering support. Both he and Simon said they did not support gay unions or abortion.

Jones raised the issue of Riordan's credibility and support for the Republican Party by emphasizing Riordan's financial and general support for the Democratic Party and individual candidates, as well as his loose interpretation of highly controversial Republican Party platforms.

Riordan, the former mayor of Los Angeles, responded that as mayor, he was responsible for the well being of that city and would

cross party lines to make sure that it would prosper. This was amid accusations by his opponents that he was unfair in his treatment of selling Los Angeles' power to the rest of California during the power crisis.

Jones expressed his doubt at Riordan's ability to lead if he was more concerned about the profits made by Los Angeles instead of providing relief to the rest of California.

The candidates were quick to blame Gov. Davis for the state budget problems and also pointed out the \$12 million deficit in the budget that California has acquired since the energy crisis as the result of poor planning on

the part of the Davis administration.

Jones, currently California's Secretary of State, criticized Davis' leadership and saying that California is due for "a little straight talk." He said he brings experience to the position with more than a decade as a public servant, serving in the State Assembly and as California's chief elections officer.

Jones strongly supported the Republican platform, saying he was concerned with immigration issues, but did not support illegal immigration, as his opponent Riordan did.

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Alternatives

Park and Ride lot on 10th Street offers way to avoid drive-around frustration

By Anna Bakalis

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Finding a parking space in a campus garage can be an uphill battle, especially during the first two weeks of the semester.

But armed with the right knowledge, students can find alternatives.

"There's just not enough spaces on campus," said Lt. Marianne Alvarez, support services commander of University Police Department. "But there is ample parking for all students if they look in the right place."

With more than 800 spaces, the Park and Ride lot, located at South Seventh Street between East Humboldt and East Alma streets, is a short drive from the edge of campus. Parking is free for the first two weeks and \$41 for a semester permit. Besides the Seventh Street garage, the Park and Ride lot is the only other area that allows day passes, which are sold from machines at the Park and Ride lot for \$1 and at the garage for \$2.

"After 8:30 a.m., I hear it's pretty much impossible to find parking in the garages," said Dana Richards, a first-semester student at San Jose State University. She said she lives in Santa Cruz and will be commuting twice a week.

According to Alvarez, the University Police Department plans to direct the heavy traffic for the first few weeks, and the overflow from the campus garages will be sent to the Park and Ride lot. The "overflow lots," located on East Alma Street between South 10th Street and Senter Road, will only be opened when the main one fills up, Alvarez said.

More buses have been added to the route this semester, and a bus arrives at least once every 15 minutes, from 6:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., she said.

Between 4:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., the shuttles will pick up students every 20 minutes Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, service is scheduled to begin at 6:15 a.m. and end at 5:45 p.m., according to Alvarez.

As an incentive to new drivers, coffee and doughnuts will be served to those who brave the

extra three-minute drive to the Park and Ride lot for the first two weeks, Alvarez said.

"You don't want to drive around in circles looking for parking and get frustrated or be late for class," Alvarez said. "Since 1998, the Park and Ride lot has become more popular for commuters."

Richards said, "I'll probably use the Park and Ride. It's easier to leave a little earlier and be guaranteed a spot than to drive around and risk being late for class."

Clark Lay, a freshman majoring in kinesiology, said he had problems getting his parking permit.

"I preordered my permit and when I went to pick it up earlier today, the line was so long, I couldn't wait," Lay said.

He said he received the wrong permit last semester. Instead of a resident pass, he got a commuter pass and had to spend extra time correcting the mistake.

"I hope it gets better. You just don't want to deal with the hassle," Lay said.

Because of the lack of parking, some students are finding more creative ways to get to class on time.

Mitra Banderi, a mathematics graduate student, has been attending SJSU for two semesters and lives in Los Gatos. During her first semester, Banderi said she bought a permit, but found herself late even though she would drive to campus one hour early. As many do, she found herself circling the garages.

"It's hard to find a space in a garage," Banderi said. "Even if you pay a fee for a permit, you have to go around and up five floors. After one year, I lost a lot of energy," said Banderi, who now drives to the Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) Ohlone Station in Santa Teresa, which is five minutes from her home, and takes light rail into downtown.

"It's better than driving and it saves gas," Banderi said. "It also saves my energy."

The lack of parking on campus and the process of dealing with the administrative and bureau-

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Administrator leaves position

By Sarah Grace Ruf

DAILY STAFF EDITOR

After working at San Jose State University for the past eight years, Dan Johnson, the associate vice president for facilities operations and development, accepted a position at California State University, Monterey as the vice president of administration and finance.

"It was the next promotional opportunity," said Johnson, who began his career at SJSU in 1994 as the director of design construction and operations.

Johnson said he would continue to work with campus development issues in the Monterey area, which has been Johnson's home since 1957.

"Of course, development at Monterey is not going to be the scope it is at SJSU, but I will be working to serve both the campus and my own community," Johnson said.

According to Don Kassing, SJSU vice president of administration and finance, the search to find a replacement for Johnson will begin in two to three weeks. He said he hopes to fill the position within the next four months.

"We miss him," Kassing said. "He was a wonderful asset."

According to Kassing, Johnson's responsibilities, ranging from directing maintenance of the university, to budget planning and planning design and construction.

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Students settle into residence halls

By Paul Mercado

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students moving into San Jose State University's residence halls experienced a rocky start during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

Jessie Burke and Eric Antonelli, returning graphic design students, said they thought the move-in time was still 10 a.m.

The official move-in time changed this semester to noon, which caught some returning students and parents off guard.

Some of the confusion and misinformation can be attributed to the University Housing's Web site, whose last update for move-in information was during the

Spring 2001 semester.

According to Diana Tran, interim community relations coordinator at SJSU, the reason for the time change was that most students usually move in later in the day.

Tran also said the housing department is working on updating the move-in information later this semester.

While waiting for the new move-in time, some students and parents explored the campus and surrounding area.

Barbara Stones and her family drove 10 hours from Borrego Springs, Calif., a small desert community.

Stones said she was keen on getting her son into the dorms.

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Library construction on schedule

By Allison M. Foley

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Amid downtown San Jose's ever-growing collection of unsightly steel structures, stands the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Joint Library.

Although there was a fair amount of apprehension when the idea of a joint library first arose, the progress being made should do its part in dispelling these feelings, said Elsi Stotts, supervising librarian who is in charge of main library services for the current Martin Luther King Jr. Library in downtown San Jose.

"There was a lot of controversy about this library," Stotts said. "I think the public will realize once it's there how beneficial it really is."

Carrie Jeffries, a sophomore computer science major, agreed.

"I never once thought the new library project would be a problem. It seems much more beneficial than all of Clark Library's resources combined," Jeffries said.

The Joint Library project, estimated to cost about \$171 million altogether, is on schedule, said Dolores Montenegro, the project manager for the San Jose Joint Library Project. This means the library is in keeping with its projected opening date of Fall 2003. The facilities should be ready for librarians and other employees to move in as soon as April 2003, she said.

Toby Reyes, a senior majoring in social work, said, "I've read about setbacks in the initial building process before. I'm glad to hear the library is on track currently."

The next visible step in the outer construction of the library is the precast skin installation, which began Jan. 21.



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Construction continues on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library that is scheduled to open Fall of 2003.

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OPPOSING

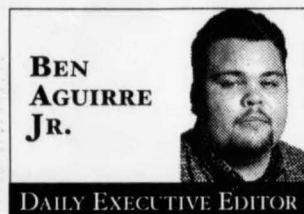
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VIEWS

John Walker could have helped his own country prevent a tragedy instead of turning to side with the Taliban

Some say the death penalty is evil and should never be used. Others refer to it as a just way to get revenge on someone who has fatally harmed another person. But what does a government do when it is wartime and one of its own has turned on it?

This is the position the United States government was in for nearly a month after it captured 20-year-old American turncoat John Walker.



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DAILY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

rights as an American citizen when he decided that he would fight on the front lines for al-Qaeda.

I was reading a message board on the New York Times Web site the day Ashcroft let the news out and someone actually suggested that the families of the victims of Sept. 11 should have the rights to make a decision on what they wanted the government to do.

Interesting scenario. I wonder how many of them would actually want to keep this man alive.

Sure he was not one of the men who flew one of the planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, or the one that went down in rural Pennsylvania, but according to materials released by the FBI, Walker knew of the attacks months in advance.

WAS HE THE ONE WHO SET UP THE ATTACK? NO. BUT COULD HE HAVE STOPPED THEM? PROBABLY.

According to the New York Times, the FBI learned that Walker knew Osama bin Laden had ordered the attacks on the United States.

That is reason enough to kill this man after trying him. He knew of plans that would put thousands of Americans in danger.

Those people who died on Sept. 11 were as innocent as any other United States citizen.

They woke up that morning, kissed their significant other and went to work like millions of other Americans.

And what was John Walker doing that day?

He was probably in Afghanistan waiting for the rest of the world to learn what he knew for months — the U.S. would be attacked.

He withheld information. Information so important that he could have saved thousands of lives and become an American hero.

But Walker chose to partake in evil.

He decided to allow it to happen.

Was he the one who set up the attacks? No.

But could he have stopped them? Probably.

And what makes things worse is that after the towers crumbled and lives were forever changed, this man fought against us.

He stood next to other men who hated this nation, who would give their lives to kill one American.

That's just sickening. This man has no right to be alive. He turned on those who protected him.

But still there are those in America who feel that this man should be alive.

They feel that because he is an American citizen that he deserves to be imprisoned.

They feel that his death would not help and could only make things worse.

No. This man is the enemy. He is the one who stood in the mountains of Afghanistan with his assault rifle pointing it at our men.

He chose this lifestyle. He chose to betray the greatest nation on the face of the earth. He deserves to feel the pain that the grandparents, mothers, fathers and children had to deal with.

This isn't about religion.

This isn't about who is right, and who is wrong.

This is about paying for your actions.

He betrayed us. He betrayed the nation that has fought previous wars so that he could grow up and form his own beliefs.

But in the end, even if he had received the death penalty, he still would have had the upper hand.

At least he would know when his death is coming.

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Illustration by Dawn Bozack

Walker's actions the result of brainwashing by the Taliban; should be able to get help and continue to live

John Walker's actions are unforgivable. After all, how could an American fight against his country? There is no doubt that Walker should be held accountable for his actions, but does he deserve to die for them?

I don't believe Walker was in the right frame of mind when he joined the Taliban's war against the United States, therefore, he doesn't deserve to be faced with the death penalty.

When Walker was 16, he converted to Islam and began studying at a Bay Area mosque. He then became devoted to helping the poor, according to a Newsweek article.

So how could someone who was committed to helping those less fortunate all of a sudden become a rebel fighter?

Walker must have been brainwashed in some way when he studied in Yemen.

When the U.S.S. Cole was bombed there in October 2000,

Newsweek reported that Walker told his father that "the U.S. ship should never have been there in the first place, and that by docking in an Islamic country, had committed an 'act of war.'"

That sounds more like something that was preached to him, something he reiterates as if he were a robot.

Walker's mother agrees. "If he got involved with the Taliban he must have been brainwashed. He was isolated. He didn't know a soul in Pakistan. When you're young and impressionable, it's easy to be led by charismatic people," she said in a Newsweek article.

An American friend of Walker also told Time Magazine that

Walker may have been "too trusting" and "he just let anybody in."

He must have been easily influenced, because when he went to Yemen for the second time, he learned that his friend died while fighting with Muslim rebels against the Russian army.

After hearing this news, he probably would have believed and done anything fellow Muslims — those even in the Taliban — told him to do.

He later joined an al-Qaeda terrorist camp, according to the Sydney Morning Herald, a national newspaper in Sydney, Australia. It also reported that Osama bin Laden thanked those in the camp for participating in the jihad, or "holy war."

Again, Walker must have believed he was just defending his religion.

Although I still believe Walker should be punished for his crimes by serving time in prison, I think he needs counseling in order to understand that his actions were wrong.

It's possible he doesn't know all the harm the Taliban has caused because he was brainwashed into believing the Taliban can do no wrong. He joined in order

to build "a pure Islamic state."

Walker's situation has some similarities to the 1974 kidnapping of Patty Hearst, who was brainwashed into robbing banks by her kidnappers.

Although Walker wasn't kidnapped and presumably joined the Taliban on his free will, I believe he was brainwashed just as Hearst was, because he was isolated from his family and American friends.

And, of course, after Hearst and Walker joined these organizations, they both committed high-profile crimes.

Walker also changed his name, just as Hearst did, when she was coerced into joining the Symbionese Liberation Army.

He changed his first name to "Sulayman," his Muslim name, and later changed his whole name to "Abdul Hamid" sometime after he left the United States.

Walker and Hearst committed horrible crimes against American society.

However, Walker's future could have the same outcome as Hearst.

She has been married for more than 20 years, has two children and, presumably, is crime-free.

Although he will forever be marked the "American Taliban," he still has a chance

to live a relatively normal life, as Hearst has after serving time in prison.

Since he's young and so impressionable as his mother claims, his family and a counselor should be able

to convince him that his actions were wrong.

We also need to show him that the United States is not his enemy.

We need to send a message to the terrorists that we do not kill our own.

To sentence John Walker to the death penalty would be an indirect way for the terrorists to kill another American.



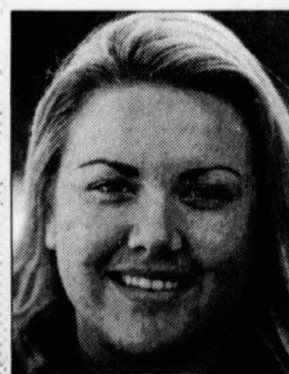
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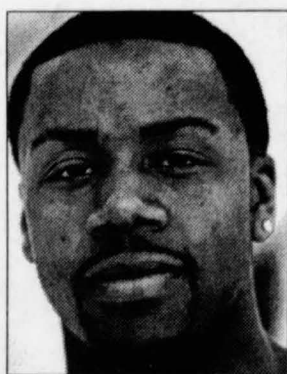
Lisa Butt is the Spartan Daily Arts & Entertainment Editor.

TALKING HEADS If found guilty, does John Walker deserve death?



"Yes, I believe that he relinquished his rights as an American citizen when he turned his back on his country."

— Amanda Denny
senior
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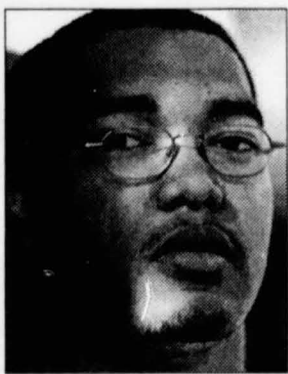
"He doesn't deserve the death penalty, but he does deserve prison. He deserves some punishment."

— David Spikener
senior
marketing



"I don't think killing him would solve anything. Killing him wouldn't bring back any innocent, dead people."

— Karen De Castro
junior
occupational therapy



"Yeah, I think that he does. After Sept. 11 anyone against America deserves the death penalty."

— Michael Jacques
junior
marketing



"If they find him guilty, I don't see why not. It should be an eye-for-an-eye type thing, not just putting him in jail."

— Priya Kochuparambil
senior
marketing



"No. I don't believe in the death penalty. I really don't think that he did anything. Wrong place, wrong time."

— Rachel McEwen
senior
business

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Another semester, another fortune shelled out for books

I've come to a conclusion: money is what makes the world go round, no matter what anyone else tells you. Not a very comforting thought — unfortunately it's true.

For Christmas this year, I got a \$100 gift certificate for a bookstore from my parents. With that hundred bucks I bought a huge hardcover pictorial history about the Vietnam War for about \$12. I got the novel, "Black Hawk Down," whose movie version is playing in theatres and I also purchased a hardcover recount of the Sept. 11 attacks with about three other books in tow.

The book about the Vietnam War was worth at least \$40, so I was happy with the find.

I didn't even think about money until I hit the Spartan Bookstore online to buy my textbooks.

I almost fell out of my chair —

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\$400 for new books? That's not even including tax.

Luckily, I thought, I always buy used books. That number came out to \$300 before tax. I saved a whole \$100 buying used.

But I'm still paying \$300 for textbooks. We're talking about things that will only see the light of day the night before tests and midterms.

They'll clutter up my room for a whole semester. I'll fume about

having wasted so much money on the darn things. Then, in the end, I'll try to find some redemption: selling them back to the bookstore.

But I'll end up walking away from those ugly yellow tents like I always do: frustrated and angry.

Case in point: I had to buy a hundred-dollar math book my first semester at San Jose State University. Being the optimistic (read: stupid) freshman that I was, I figured I'd sell the book back and get about half the money back.

They wouldn't buy the book back.

A brand new book? And the Spartan Bookstore wouldn't buy it back?

What the hell was I supposed to do with a math book?

I was done with math, I'd never use the book again in my entire life. And now I was stuck with it.

And so are all the other poor saps who were in the class with me, you know who you are. It's probably collecting dust in bookshelves across the Bay Area.

Or there's the other option. They'll buy the \$100 book back, but they'll give you \$18 for it. So like the saps we are, we fork over the book and take the \$18.

Fine, you admit you were shafted, but it's fine.

Until next semester when you hit the bookstore to get the shaft (yet again) only to find that the book you got \$18 for is now selling for \$60 or \$70.

And to your horror, some poor sap picks one up and walks to the counter with it.

The clerk scans the bar code, the dollar amount pops up and you as well as the person buying the book

cringe.

It's a vicious cycle that I decided to break this semester.

SJSU already milks me for more than \$1,000 each semester for tuition, then I get hit again for a \$81 parking permit that is practically useless because I can't find a parking spot — even if my success would bring about world peace.

And on top of it, I have to give more of my money to the cash cow that exists as a university?

Oh no. It's fine if my books total in at \$50 — which rarely happens, but has. But when the register comes up with a total like \$300, it's time to jump ship.

The whole thing is a farce, kind of like the 24-hour computer lab Associated Students promised us.

So I looked online for alternatives. Barnes and Noble was, to my sur-

prise, more expensive than the Spartan Bookstore.

I didn't know that was possible.

The best Web site I found, price-wise, was classbook.com. It's used book total came up to \$190 and had a good shipping rate — only problem is it didn't carry four of the books I needed.

With all the money I'll save by not going to the school's bookstore, I could buy another \$150 worth of books that I'd actually enjoy reading.

I'd have the satisfaction of knowing that the university didn't eek more money out of me.

Maybe I'll even find a parking spot — nah, I'm more likely to get my books for free.

Michelle Jew is a Spartan Daily production editor. "Spoiled" appears Wednesdays.

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Guard tandem taking SJSU to the next level

By Chris Giovannetti
DAILY SPORTS EDITOR

Janice Richard's plan is working perfectly.

Three years after taking the women's basketball head coaching position at San Jose State University, Richard has turned a graveyard program into a Western Athletic Conference contender.

The Spartans fell to 4-3 in WAC play and 9-7 overall following a 78-68 loss to Rice University at Autry Court in Houston on Saturday. While the record may appear mediocre, it's a far cry from the 2-24 mark SJSU posted two seasons ago.

"It was definitely a challenge to turn a 2-24 team into a conference contender," Richard said. "This year we finally have second year players that have learned the season and have helped change the reputation of this team."

Helping lead the change for a program that was picked to finish in last place by the WAC coaches are the guard trio of Elea A'Giza, Cricket Williams and Atari Parker.

In their second season, the trio have taken to Richard's up-tempo, transition offense with fervor — "If we're not playing fast and pushing the ball then we're not going to win," Williams said.

"I think our perimeter is one of the best in the league. I think we can play with any other perimeter," Richard said. "Our strength is running the ball and that's no secret. Teams we play know that they have to find a way to slow us down and take us out of our rhythm."

Style of play aside, Richard

said she is most pleased with the balanced scoring attack that Williams, A'Giza and Parker deliver.

Williams averages 18.1 points per game followed by Parker and A'Giza, who have 13.8 and 12.8, respectively.

"We have better team chemistry this season," A'Giza said. "No one is scoring 25 points a game like teams I've been on before and I think the balance makes us more of a threat. Teams have to defend a lot of players who can all score."

Going into Thursday night's

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— Cricket Williams,
San Jose State University guard

contest against Fresno State University at the Event Center, SJSU has already equaled last season's number of WAC wins (four) despite some inconsistent play.

SJSU opened WAC play on Dec. 28 with a 73-48 victory at the University of Texas El-Paso before dusting off Boise State University two days later, 85-74.

The Spartans then dropped their next two contests, first an 81-67 decision at the University of Hawai'i before coming to face 13th ranked Louisiana Tech.

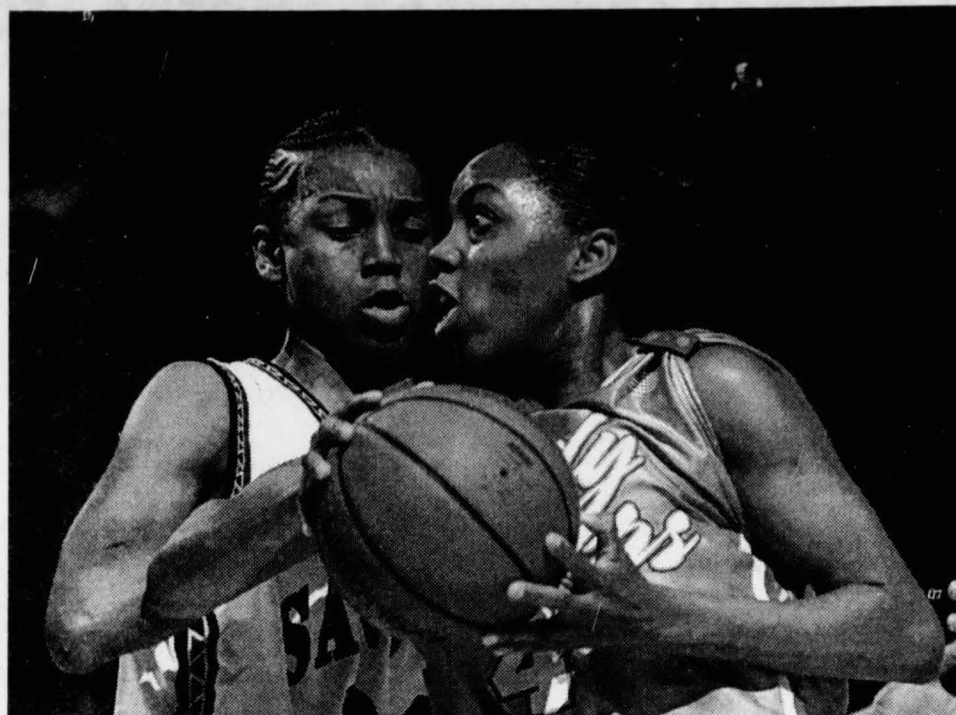
"I feel Louisiana Tech was the only team that really beat us on the court," Williams said of the Jan. 10, 79-49, drubbing. "The rest of the games we've played, we shouldn't have lost. If everyone comes together, hopefully we can move up to third place by the end of this week."

For Richard, there's still some work to be done. She'd like to develop more of a post and inside presence for her squad and by comparison, have some semblance of a half-court offense.



STANDINGS				
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL				
TEAM	W	L	CONF	OVERALL
LA. TECH	7	0	12-3	
RICE	6	1	12-4	
TULSA	5	2	10-7	
HAWAII	4	2	11-4	
SJSU	4	3	9-7	
FRESNO ST.	3	4	8-9	
NEVADA	3	4	6-10	
SMU	1	6	6-11	
UTEP	1	6	3-12	
BOISE ST.	1	7	5-13	

THROUGH JAN. 20



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MiaTonya Smith, a San Jose State University forward, tries to steal the ball from Louisiana Tech guard Erica Smith.



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Colts end search; nab former Bucs boss Dungy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Dungy didn't need much time to get a new job.

Eight days after being fired in Tampa Bay, Dungy reached an agreement in principle to coach the Indianapolis Colts and a formal introduction is expected Wednesday.

Colts president Bill Polian said in a statement that he and Dungy's agent, Ray Anderson, were working on the deal's final details.

"Both parties expect things will go smoothly," his statement said.

Colts owner Jim Irsay said the team had reached a five-year contract with Dungy worth about \$13 million. He said the Colts had engaged in a bidding war for Dungy with the Carolina Panthers.

"We weren't going to be outbid for Tony Dungy. He was going to be a Colt for sure," Irsay said.

Dungy will join the New York Jets' Herman Edwards as the only black head coaches in the NFL.

Dungy, 46, was fired by Tampa Bay last week. The Colts fired coach Jim Mora on Jan. 8, primarily because he refused to get rid of former defensive coordinator Vic Fangio. Fangio has since accepted the coordinator's post with the expansion Houston Texans.

Dungy was the most successful coach in Buccaneers history, going 54-42 in six seasons and leading the team to the playoffs four times. The Bucs were 9-8 this season, including a loss to Philadelphia in the wild-card round.

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All the elements?

Piraro hopes a deep pitching staff and incoming players will be enough to get SJSU back to the College World Series

By Julian J. Ramos

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The goals for the 2002 Spartans' baseball squad can be found on the bulletin board outside of head coach Sam Piraro's office.

The goal: to make the team's second trip to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Baseball tournament in three seasons.

Hopes of a return to the tournament and another trip to Omaha, Neb., site of the College World Series, where the 2000 team's season ended, were not to be.

San Jose State University finished the 2001 season with a 37-22-1 record overall and finished tied for third in the Western Athletic Conference with Texas Christian University.

To secure a return to post-season action, the Spartans have two options: win the WAC for an automatic berth or earn an at-large spot with a second place finish and 40 wins.

Piraro said the team's goals were set as early as the first team meeting in late August. Smaller goals are set throughout the season such as winning the season series against Santa Clara University and Stanford University.

"It's something that we try to get on the table as early as we can," Piraro said.

In a pre-season poll of WAC coaches, the Spartans have been picked to finish fourth in the six-team conference.

Rice University was picked first, followed by Fresno State University and the University of Nevada-Reno.

"It's as strong as it has ever been," Piraro said of the WAC. "All six teams can win anytime."

The Spartans lost a number of key players from the 2000 College World Series team to the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft in June, including a trio of career record holders in major offensive categories.

The losses of left fielder Junior Ruiz, the SJSU career leader in hits, runs scored and walks, first baseman John Fagan, the SJSU career leader in home runs, and right fielder Brandon Macchi, the SJSU career leader in RBIs, have left gaps in a lineup that Piraro said was inconsistent last season.

"Execution was not what we would have liked it to be," he said. "With better execution we could have won more games."

To bolster the SJSU offense, Piraro and assistant coaches Doug Thurman and Dean Madson recruited some power hitters.

The incoming recruiting class was ranked 17th in the nation by The Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.

Third baseman Hector Zamora, and first baseman Brian Baker are both transfers from Cerritos College in Norwalk, Calif. and bring left-handed power to the lineup.

"They are RBI type people," Piraro said.

Zamora and Baker will reunite in the SJSU infield with second baseman Gabe Lopez.

Lopez, a transfer from Cerritos College last season, led the Spartans in 2001 with a .353 batting average on his way to being an All-WAC First Team Selection.

Pitcher Mickey Manzo is another former Cerritos College Falcon.

"I grew up with Brian and Gabe since I was 14," Manzo said. "I met Hector at Cerritos. It's nice to have guys you've played with on your team."

Zamora displaces Kevin Frandsen from third base to left field.

"It's a definite adjustment," Frandsen said. "I've played in the infield my whole life."

Joining Frandsen in the outfield will be returning center fielder Dino Quintero and Loyola Marymount University transfer Kayzell Milton, who plays in right field.

Freshman Travis Becktel from Capistrano Valley High School in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., a 41st round selection by

the Montreal Expos in 2001, will be an option for Piraro as an outfielder or designated hitter.

"He's a name to remember," Piraro said.

The addition of left-handed hitters to the squad may provide a needed advantage against right-handed pitchers, Piraro said.

"A lineup with four lefties maybe five can offset good pitching," he said. "It balances the order."

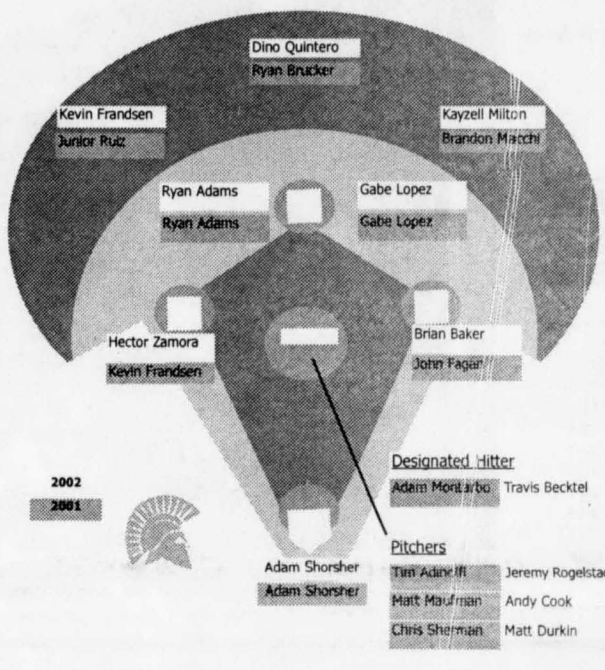
Returning to the lineup are

problem," Cook said. Adding experience to the pitching roster are transfers, Mike Dorsa from Santa Clara University and Donald Gemmell from California State University, Stanislaus.

Creating the most buzz among pitchers is freshman Matt Durkin, a graduate of Willow Glen High School in San Jose.

Durkin, who was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 10th round of the Amateur

2002 Spartan Baseball Team Starters



proven hitters such as Lopez, Frandsen, shortstop Ryan Adams and catcher Adam Shorsher.

Shorsher, a pre-season All-WAC First Team selection along with Lopez, should put up career highs during the season, Piraro said.

"He's become a better offensive player in the fall," Piraro said.

As starting catcher, Shorsher is the focal point of the Spartans' defense. According to statistics from the NCAA, the Spartans ranked second in the nation with a .980 fielding percentage.

Lopez, who committed three errors in 59 games last season, said that in fall intra-squad games, the defense has not been where he and his teammates would like it to be.

"We've been taking time away from the offense to work on defense," he said.

From the pitching staff, Piraro will have a slew of options to put on the mound in whatever situation may come up in the 60-game season.

"We are all versatile," Manzo said. "Everyone can start, middle relief or close."

Manzo, who has not pitched in a game since the 2000 season, set school records at Cerritos College with 11 saves and a 0.95 ERA.

Manzo tore the medial collateral ligament in his right elbow before he could take the mound in a Spartan uniform.

After surgery to repair his elbow a year ago, followed by six-and-a-half months of rehabilitation, Manzo looks forward to taking the mound once again.

"I'll make it back out there hopefully," he said.

Pitcher Jeremy Rogelstad, returns with a healthy right foot after two seasons plagued by a stress fracture. The six-foot-seven-inch right-hander has a metal plate and three screws in his right foot.

"I'm screwed back together," Rogelstad said. "I've been able to practice at full speed."

The Spartans pitching staff lost three pitchers to the draft, Tim Adinolfi, Chris Sherman and Matt Kaufman.

The loss of innings pitched, wins and experience doesn't hurt the team very much, according to returning right-hander Andy Cook.

"We have enough talent and leadership that it won't be a

Draft, chose to work on his pitching at the college level instead of jumping to the professional ranks.

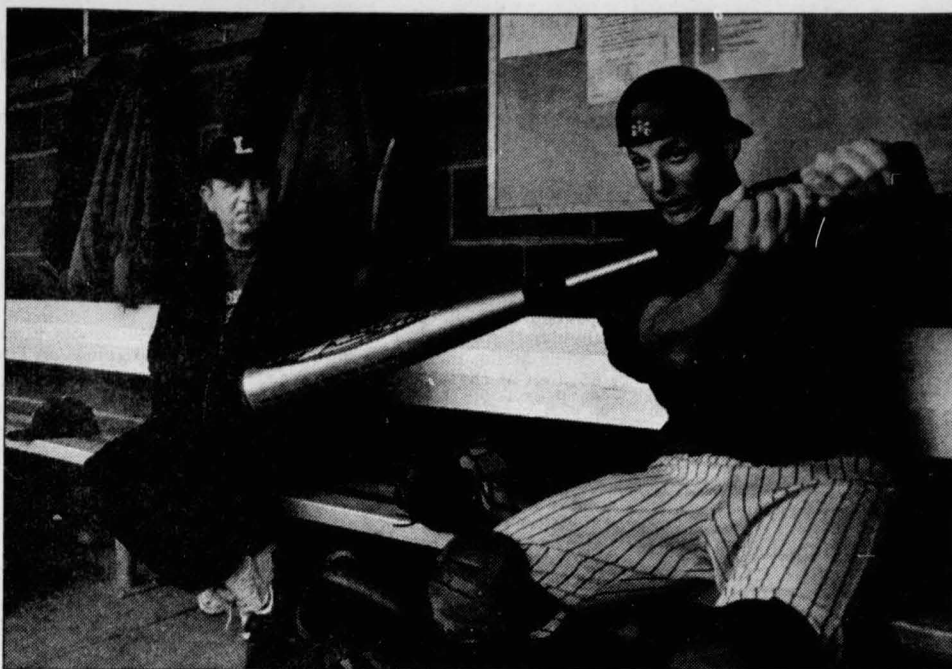
"I felt that I had a chance to learn a lot in college," Durkin said. "I didn't want to stay a high school pitcher."

Piraro said that Durkin has been throwing fastballs in the high 80 to low 90 mile per hour range and has a bright future ahead of him.

"He could be dominant," Piraro said. "He's hard to hit."

With an improved offense and a myriad of options on the mound, the Spartans' goal of a return to the NCAA Tournament is not out of possibility, Piraro said.

The annual Alumni game is scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday at Blethen Field. In pre-game ceremonies, the 1997 squad, winners of the WAC Western Division that season, are scheduled to be honored.



Christy Kinsley/Daily Staff

Senior Spartan catcher Adam Shorsher discusses batting technique in the dugout at Blethen Field on Monday with Stewart Piraro, Lincoln High School Baseball Coach. The San Jose State University Spartan baseball team is scheduled to begin its season Saturday with an exhibition Alumni game at 1 p.m.

Baseball 2002

Head Coach: Sam Piraro

2001 Record: 37-22-1 (Tied for third with Texas Christian University)

Key returnees: Gabe Lopez 2B; Ryan Adams SS; Kevin Frandsen 3B/LF; Adam Shorsher C; Jeremy Rogelstad P; Andy Cook P; Mike Malott P.

Top Newcomers: Hector Zamora 2B; Bryan Baker 2B; Travis Becktel RF; Kayzell Milton OF; Matt Durkin P.

Key losses: Junior Ruiz LF; Brandon Macchi RF; John Fagan 1B.

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On the right track

Men's basketball team hopes a dismal WAC start can be changed after an

By Chris Giovannetti

DAILY SPORTS EDITOR

By Monday afternoon, San Jose State University men's basketball coach Steve Barnes was back to the drawing board.

Less than 48 hours after his squad had upset Western Athletic Conference leader University of Hawai'i at the Event Center, 57-53, the fiery and intense Barnes spent no time lavishing praise on his Spartans.

Instead, he expected his club to take its first WAC win in stride.

"We finally played some defense for long periods of time instead of turning it on for only five or six minutes. I just hope we can stay together and look to improve now," said Barnes, who was ejected from Saturday's win following his second technical foul. "I don't get caught up in the ups and downs of the season. We need to keep these guys on an even keel. I've always said I want these guys playing their best basketball at the end of the season."

Heading into the final weeks of the season, Barnes' players seem to have received the message he is delivering.

"(Saturday's victory) was a big win, no doubt about it. But we're not looking at the win-loss record. We're just trying to improve so we can play our best basketball at the end of the season," said forward David Granucci, who garnered WAC Player of the Week honors after posting a career high 17 points and seven rebounds at Hawai'i. "Look at Hawai'i last year. They were playing the best ball out of anyone in the conference and they won the WAC tournament. That's what we're trying to do."

The Hawai'i matchup was the victorious culmination of a tumultuous

Western Athletic Conference season opening schedule for the hard-luck Spartans.

Beginning Dec. 27 with a 91-85 loss to the University of Nevada-Reno until a Jan. 12 78-61 loss to Louisiana Tech, the Spartans lost their first six WAC contests.

The string included a Jan. 5, 66-65, loss at the University of Texas-El Paso when Miners forward Roy Smallwood caught an air ball shot attempt by teammate Justino Victoriano underneath his own basket and scored with 0.1 seconds remaining.

"It was frustrating. We'd have to come to practice the next day after a loss and wouldn't have any rewards to show for it," said junior guard Brandon Hawkins. "It was just like life though. When you get down, you can't quit."

After making his debut against the College of Notre Dame on Dec. 18 with 18 points, Hawkins, who has been one of the few bright spots for

beginning of the season.

"I just try to support my teammates, that's all. It's just my nature I guess," said Hawkins, who is ninth in the WAC in scoring (15.4 points per game) and fourth in assists (4.1 apg).

SJSU attempts a winning streak with road games on Thursday at the University of Tulsa and on Saturday at Rice University.

Tulsa (5-1 WAC, 14-3) leads the all-time series with SJSU 13-0 and Barnes was quick to admit that The Reynolds Center is one of the toughest WAC venues to play at.

"They have a great crowd and one of the toughest offenses in the nation," Barnes said. "We have two tough games coming up and we'll be underdogs in both of them."

The Golden Hurricane features one of the most balanced scoring attacks in the nation as four starters — led by senior guard Greg Harrington (14.4 points per game) and junior guard Dante Swanson (14.3 ppg) — average double figures in scoring. A fifth, junior forward Charlie Davis, averages 9.9 points per game.

SJSU has won the last four meetings against Rice.

"I'VE ALWAYS SAID I WANT THESE GUYS PLAYING THEIR BEST BASKETBALL AT THE END OF THE SEASON."

— Steve Barnes, SJSU men's basketball coach

the Spartans, has scored in double figures in all 10 of the games he has played.

"He's been a good defender for us and I can put him on the opponents' best perimeter player," Barnes said. "Since he's been the full time point guard, our assist to turnover ratio has gone down tremendously."

Barnes also applauded Hawkins for being a leader on the floor, something his team was lacking at the

WAC

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SMU	5	2	10-7	
NEVADA	4	3	11-6	
LA. TECH.	4	3	10-6	
BOISE ST.	2	6	8-10	
UTEP	2	6	7-12	
RICE	1	5	6-10	
SJSU	1	6	6-13	

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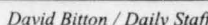
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He said his main concerns were the economy, education and physical planning, and he emphasized these repeatedly in his answers to the panel. He also said he felt proud to be the only candidate who had not pledged to raise taxes.

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Luna, the director of facilities management, will be responsible for all maintenance, grounds and recycling issues.

Pantoja, the administration services manager will handle all budget issues.

Freeman, the planning design and construction director, will cover all design and construction issues.

"They are capable of managing on a short term basis," Kassing said.

According to Luna, the staff structure Johnson helped to create is very stable, and will have no problems maintaining itself while a replacement for Johnson is found.

Johnson said he believed part of his job before leaving SJSU was to prepare his staff for the adjustment.

"The team stays intact. The technical expertise still stays intact. There should be no affect (without me)," Johnson said. "My job was to make sure that the team was just fine without me there, but they still need a single point of reference at Kassing's level."

Luna said the search for Johnson's replacement will be an aggressive one, in order to find someone who will match with SJSU as well as Johnson did.

"He has a true talent with people," Luna said. "We hope to get someone as good as him."

Kassing said that although everyone was disappointed to see him go to CSU Monterey, Johnson said he was ready and able to become a vice president.

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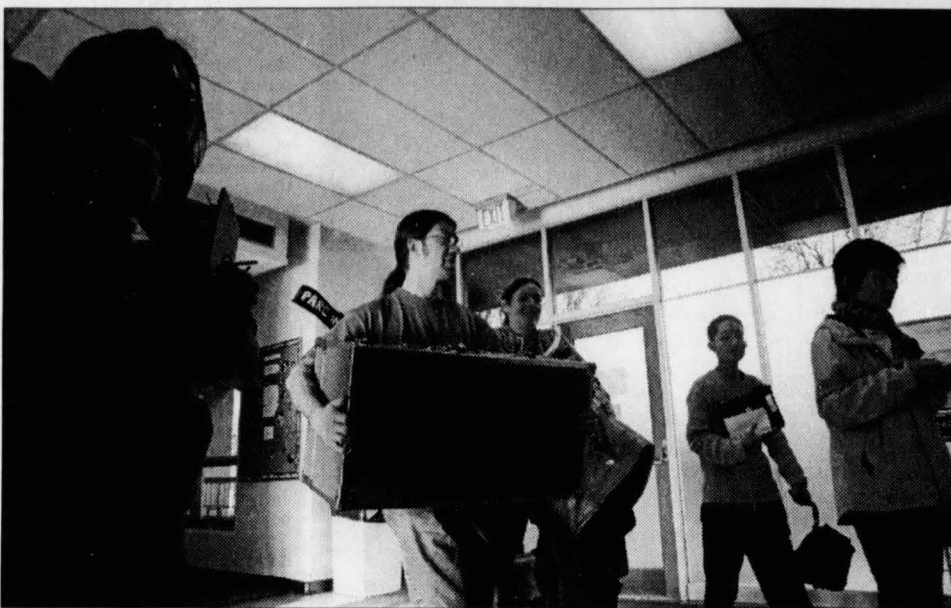
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cratic aspects of buying a permit can be reason for frustration, but, according to Alvarez, UPD and other school officials are doing their best to make the system work.

To make the process easier for students, Alvarez suggests that "everyone be patient, take the time to leave early and park in the Park and Ride lot."

Alvarez said some students are not aware of alternatives to cam-

Home sweet home...



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Returning transfer students and freshmen bring their belongings into the elevator of Joe West Hall during the first day of move-in.

Sparta Guide

Today

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Barbecue and Greek forums 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the 7th St. barbecue pits. For more information, contact Juan Loredo at 920-9640.

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MOVE-IN DAY

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Art major Geoffrey Stone, who traded in his UC Santa Cruz Banana Slug education to become a Spartan this semester, said he is new to the area.

Stone, a fan of sequential art, said he came to SJSU because of the animation program.

He said his dream is to become an animator and illustrator.

"Moving Geoff into a dorm is very important, he is a very shy and quite kid. This way he can meet new people," his mother said.

For students like Kristin Kane, a freshman majoring in advertising, there were mixed emotions about living alone.

Steve Kane, her father, said he was excited for his daughter.

"It's her chance at being on her own, for some responsibilities, and experiencing college life with all that living on campus has to offer," Steve Kane said.

The Kanes drove from Sacramento Sunday morning and had to wait until noon before they could unload their truck.

Returning computer science major Daniel Yerelien, said he comes from southern California and lives in one of the red brick residence halls.

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Students, staff analyze debate

By Ali Fard

DAILY STAFF WRITER

As GOP gubernatorial candidates Bill Jones, Bill Simon and Richard Riordan prepared for debate in Hugh Gillis Hall, students, faculty members and the public gathered at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Washington Square Hall, Room 109 for pre-debate discussion by a select panel.

The event, arranged by the California Broadcasters Association with the California State University Chancellor's Office, brought in more than 30 participants with many more trickling in as the debate was viewed via closed circuit television.

Terry Christensen, chair of the political science department, was one of the four panelists who emphasized the importance of this debate.

"This is going to be the first impression voters will get on these candidates," he said. "The general electorate has not tuned in yet."

With six weeks until the primary election, the pressure to succeed in this debate must have been heavy on the candidates, Christensen said.

Genelle Austin-Lett, professor of communication studies, provided details into the way the audience should watch this debate.

Regarding problems throughout California, Austin-Lett said to watch for the way the candidates either provide a complaint or a solution which is a workable and practical.

"See what they're asking of you to solve the problem," Austin-Lett said.

As the three candidates battled it out on issues regarding the power crisis, the state budget and California's need for "new leadership," the crowd watched quietly and patiently to the different perspectives by the candidates.

During the debate, audience members appeared to be silent and interested in what the candi-

dates said and also snickered at responses they found amusing.

A group supported Secretary of State Jones with placards in the auditorium showing their support to the crowd.

A short discussion followed the debate with comments from the panel as well as from people in the crowd.

According to a hand count taken in the auditorium, Jones was the candidate who won over audiences watching in Washington Square Hall, Room 109.

Philip Trounstein, executive director of San Jose State University's Survey Policy and Research Institute said, "Actually, the winner of the debate was Laura Marquez," referring to the ABC 7 News political reporter who successfully hammered questions at the three candidates.

Some of the details the crowd noticed during the debate were Riordan's slouching behavior and Simon's stiff appearance.

Riordan is a former mayor of Los Angeles and Simon is a businessman.

Diana Stover, a journalism and mass communications professor, believed that physical characteristics were also important in the media's future perspective of candidates.

"Riordan looked old, particularly in the beginning," Stover said. "The press has a winnowing process."

She noted that this was a blow to the way in which the media would present the candidates in the future.

The event ended around 8:20 p.m. with people sharing their opinions with others leaving the auditorium.

This debate was the first of three that will occur before the primary election, which takes place on March 5. The next debate is scheduled to take place on Feb. 13 at California State University, Long Beach.



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